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SUBJECT: LESOTHO DISCUSSES UN REFORM MATTERS

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¶1. (SBU) Ambassador discussed UN reform and USG priorities with the GOL Minister of Foreign Affairs during June 20 meeting. Minister Moleleki concurred with the overall message that the U.S. strongly supports a developing focus for the high level events and he reiterated his government's agreement that the Commission on Human Rights required serious reform measures as well. The FOMIN was supportive of the Democracy Initiatives Fund, budget management and administrative reforms, the creation of a Peace Building Commission and adoption of a Comprehensive Convention on Terrorism. We also discussed the issues of the UN Security Council Reform, matters falling under the UNGA, ECOSOC International Criminal Court, Non-Proliferation, and the Proliferation Security Initiative. The Ambassador also raised UNSCR 1540 and advised MFA that the GOL report to the 1540 meeting had not yet been received and urged the GOL to do so as soon as possible. The Minister indicated that due to staff changes within the Ministry, a number of matters and reports remained to be completed, but appreciated noting that this one is pending. Concerning UN Security Council Reform, the Minister indicated that the GOL would be participating in African Union (AU) discussions in Tripoli in the coming weeks and expected to have a fuller position on that matter following the AU Summit.

¶2. (SBU) As requested, we also raised the question of the Red Cross Red Crescent symbol and recognition of Israel's important role. There was no objection to holding a Diplomatic Conference in October or November concerning the Third Additional Protocol.

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